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FEBRUARY MINING AND METAL PRODUCTION UP

BUILDING MATERIALS FOR BELGRADE -- Borba, No 66, 19 Mar 49

During the next few days, production will begin in five Belgrade brickyards, and the other 20 brick kilns in the Belgrade area will be operating by 1 April. The municipal brickyards will produce half of the brick required for building projects in Belgrade during 1949.

Half of the brick used in Belgrade last year had to be brought in from outside the city, which burdened transport facilities and slowed down operations. Considerable expansion in the municipal brickworks should improve and expedite the supply of building materials to the sites this year. Half of the operations at the "Trubrenik" Brickyard, which has 13 plants, were mechanized during the winter.

About 6,000 tons of lime will be produced this year in the lime kilns at Ostruwnica and at Brzan near Lepovo. The Belgrade brickyards have succeeded in burning lime in the brick kilns, and this year they will produce both brick and lime. During 1949, a modern, large-capacity limekiln will be erected at Lazarevo, to reduce the amount of lime that must be shipped in from Slovenia and other republics.

The production of stone blocks and crushed stone in the mines and quarries at Lazarevac has begun. These sources will provide half of the crushed stone and one third of the stone blocks needed by the Belgrade construction program.

The capacity of the Belgrade brickyards will be increased several times over by the introduction of machinery in all the local yards.

Four times as much manpower as is now available will be necessary to keep the enterprises running at full capacity. Recruiting officials sent out by the "Trudbenik" enterprise during the winter achieved poor results. There is also a shortage of coal and of trucks, and there are not enough buildings to house the machinery and transformers.

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LOW PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS -- Borba, No 66, 19 Mar 49

The "Sumadija" Building Enterprise, an enterprise of republic significance, and the Municipal Building Enterprise, enterprise of local significance, both of which are in Kragujevac in Serbia, have not made sufficient preparation for the 1949 building season.

The Municipal Building Enterprise recently equipped a lime-burning plant with a capacity of 6,000 kilograms of lime per 24 hours, but is still unable to use the plant because it has not obtained enough wood and coal. The plant has several 5- and 8-ton trucks which cannot be used for lack of tires.

The "Sumadija" Enterprise has a stock of 232 tons of lime, although its plan calls for 3,503 tons at the beginning of the season. It has 156 cubic meters of gravel instead of the necessary 20,739 cubic meters, and 960,000 instead of the necessary 14,932,000 bricks, of which 9,500,000 are needed for use in Kragujevac alone.

MINES MORE PRODUCTIVE IN FEBRUARY -- Borba, No 66, 19 Mar 49

The production plan for the Yugoslav mining industry was fulfilled much better in February than in January. Such mines as the "Kosovo," Kakanj, and Bogovina coal mines, which did not meet their plans in January, so improved their labor organization and working efficiency that they surpassed their February plans.

The February production plan for all branches of mining was fulfilled 102.5 percent in value. Although there were fewer working days in February, production was 11.8 percent greater than in January, 45 percent greater for petroleum and gas, 14 percent greater for nonferrous metals, and 6 percent greater in Serbian coal mines. The Bosnian coal mines and most other enterprises produced the same amount as in January. Only a few produced less.

The best results were achieved by the "Marija Bursac" coal mine, which exceeded its plan by 90 percent, by the Mostar coal mines, which exceeded their plan by 19 percent, and by the Breza and Kakanj brown coal mines, which had failed to meet their plans until February.

The Bor copper mine failed by one percent to meet its February plan, and the Zajaca antimony mine failed by 9 percent.

The opening of a new chromium mine will increase the production of chromium ore in coming months.

METAL WORKERS EXCEEDED 1948 PLAN -- Borba, No 68, 21 Mar 49

In 1948, when the metal workers' production plan was 48.5 percent greater than in 1947, the enterprises for ferrous metallurgy fulfilled their plans 103.6 percent, and for aluminum and copper, 105 percent. The republic enterprises of Slovenia fulfilled their plan 106 percent, those of Serbia 102.7 percent, those of Croatia 102.94 percent, and those of Bosnia and Herzegovina 104 percent.

SPEED-UP AT BOR COPPER MINES -- Borba, No 67, 20 Mar 49

The workers' collective of the smelter at the Bor mines fulfilled its 3-month plan for the production of rolled copper on 15 March, 16 days ahead of schedule.

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By the beginning of January, most of the subsections of the smelter had begun to operate under the brigade system. This method of labor and voluntary overtime by the regular brigades have solved the manpower shortage in the leaching plant.

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